

Base Ball Isn't the Only Game Spoiled by Folks Talking Too Much

CARDS ASK COURTS ENJOIN LEE MAGEE

St. Louis National League Club Seeks Order Restraining Player from Going Elsewhere.

SUIT IS FILED IN CINCINNATI

It is Alleged that He Signed Contract with Mound City Base Ball Organization.

FACT HOLDS FOR THIS YEAR

Huggins Says "We Are Simply Trying to Protect Our Interests."

DOESN'T EXPECT ANY TROUBLE

Only Another Instance O. B. B. is Fighting to Take Care of Itself in Matter of Jumpers, Asserts Herrmann.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 2.—A temporary injunction to restrain Leo Hoernchmeyer, known in base ball circles as "Lee Magee," from managing or playing with any club other than the St. Louis Nationals was asked for in a suit filed today by the American Base Ball and Athletic Exhibition company, operating the St. Louis National league base ball club.

The suit, which was filed in the United States district court here, asks that the injunction later be made permanent on the ground that the St. Louis National league club holds a previous contract with Magee for the season of 1915.

It is alleged in the petition that Magee signed a contract on March 4, 1914, with the St. Louis National league club for the seasons of 1914 and 1915; that he was paid \$4,000 straight salary, \$1,500 additional for signing these contracts and \$1,300 bonus for the team finishing in third position in the championship race. It further states that on November 11, 1914, Magee signed a contract with the Brooklyn Federal league, thereby repudiating his contract with the St. Louis Nationals.

Statement of Huggins. Manager Miller Huggins of the St. Louis Nationals said:

"We have a contract for 1915 with Magee, made out on what is known as the new 1915 blank. We are simply trying to protect our interests. We do not anticipate any difficulty in proving our rights in the matter."

Chairman August Herrmann of the National base ball commission said:

"This is only another instance that demonstrates that Organized Base Ball will fight to protect itself in the matter of contract jumpers."

Bluff, Says Gilmore. CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Declaring that the suit filed at Cincinnati today to enjoin Lee Magee from playing with the Brooklyn Federal, was merely an incident of a campaign to intimidate players, who have signed with the Federal, James Gilmore, president of the league, this afternoon sent the following telegram to Magee:

"Pay no attention to the filing of that suit. It is only an attempt to bluff you and other ball players, who have signed with us. Your money is assured for the full term of your contract whether you are enjoined or not."

Gilmore cited the cases of "Chief" Johnson, Marsans and Hal Chase, as instances of players who were kept on Federal league benches by court action, but whose salaries never-the-less had been paid by their new employers.

Westergard and Pat Connors Wrestle at Krug Wednesday

Joe Westergard, crack American heavyweight wrestler, will attempt to leave the show of Pat Connors, the Irish Giant and Canadian champ, at the Krug theater Wednesday night. The match is the first big wrestling bout of the season in Omaha.

Pete Lyck Signs With Cedar Rapids

Pete Lyck, one of the best amateur catchers in Omaha, is expected to sign up with the Cedar Rapids club of the Central association next summer. Lyck is a coming catcher if there ever was one and friends believe he is assured of his success in professional circles. He is but a youngster, 20 years old, but he can hold any kind of pitcher, has a wicked throw to second and hits the ball hard at the bat.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF IOWA TRACK TEAM

IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 2.—(Special).—The Iowa university track schedule for 1915, as announced by Manager Kellogg today, will look something like this: April 17—Drake relays, Des Moines. April 21—Home meet, Iowa Field. May 1—Minnesota dual, Minneapolis. May 5—Drake dual, Iowa Field. May 22—State college meet, Des Moines. Manager Kellogg also announces today, May 15 as the date of the state university's annual invitation meet for Iowa high schools; and March 19-20 as the dates named by the State High school's athletic association for the annual preliminaries and finals in the State High school basket ball tournament.

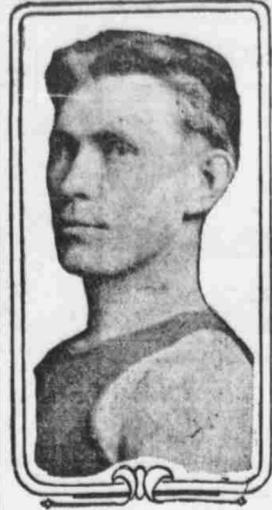
BIG WRESTLING MATCH AT FREMONT ON TUESDAY

Otto Carpenter, an Omaha wrestler, will meet Joe Stecher, pride of Dodge, Neb., in a wrestling bout at Fremont on Tuesday night, unless present plans go wrong. Stecher has recently been taken up by Emil Klank and Frank Gutch, but Carpenter and his supporters believe he can flop the Dodge boy. A hitch in the selection of the referee has occurred and a heated argument under way, but mediation is expected before the night of the match. Several carousals of Omaha fans are planning to take in the match.

Orth Recovering.

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SCHOOLMASTER STAR ON CLARK BASKET BALL TEAM.



CHESTER G. LINN.

KANSAS ATHLETES JUMPERS

Eight Out of Fifteen Brodie to or from Federal League.

WALTER JOHNSON LEADS LIST

In Addition to Walter, Hamilton, Hagerman, Brennan, Hendrix, Willett, Packard and Harris Are Kansas Who Have Jumped.

After many years of earnest but useless endeavor the well known state of Kansas has managed to boast of a distinction that is individual. The Jayhawker has been howling about the Kansas wheat crops, the hot weather in Clay Center, prohibition laws, blue sky laws, William Allen White, Ed Howe and Jay House for the last ten years, only to have the rest of the world giggle in supreme mirth. Now Kansas has the laugh on those who laughed at it.

Just fifteen major league athletes gained their early experience in Kansas and eight of those fifteen have made record jumps to or from the Federal league.

Johnson Leads List. Mr. Walter Johnson, champion jumper of the world, is a product of Humboldt, Kan., and now votes in Coffeyville. Walter jumped from Washington to the Chicago Feds and then back again. In addition to the double leap he has jumped into a swell lawsuit, if Mr. Weeghman may be believed.

Earl Hamilton, who flew from the St. Louis Browns to Kansas City Feds and back to the Browns, is from Oswego, Kan.

Z. Z. (Rip) Hagerman, uncovered in Topeka by Dick Cooley, jumped from Cleveland to the Chiefs.

Ad Brennan, who leaped from the Philadelphia Nationals to Weeghman's team, claims LaHarpe as his home. Ad also pitched for the Wichita (Kan.) club in the Western league.

Hendrix Real Jayhawk. Claude Hendrix, one of the best heavies in the outlaw circuit and formerly a Pittsburgh Pirate star, comes from Olathe, Kan. He also played on the St. Mary's college team when E. C. Quigley, National league ump, was coach.

"Farmer" Willett, formerly of Detroit, brooded to the St. Louis Feds. Willett pitched for Wichita in the old Western circuit and went from that city to Detroit in 1909.

Eugene Packard, the little southpaw, who was the manager of the Kansas City Federal team last year, is another Kansas man. He comes from Independence and when there established quite a reputation for himself, playing independent ball. Packard was with Cincinnati before his brodie.

Harris is the Eighth. Benjamin Harris, who jumped from Denver, this league, to the Kansas City Feds, is the eighth Kansas man. He worked for Topeka, under Dick Cooley before going to Denver.

Kansas declares no other state in the Union can boast of such a record. The Jayhawkers declare they would not be surprised if the other seven also leaped, even though they leaped both ways, as in Johnson and Hamilton, because they say the Kansas is out for the coin and jumping base ball clubs in one of the best little ways to get it these days.

Jim Callahan Dies Suddenly at Hospital

"Jim" Callahan, associated with Pat Crowe, and who was tried and acquitted in connection with the Cudahy kidnaping case, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital, where he was taken by the police after he was found violently ill in Hugo Blittz's saloon at Fourteenth and Douglas streets. Callahan, who has been living in Council Bluffs for the last few years, came to Omaha yesterday and after taking a few drinks, sat down at a table Blittz noticed that he looked ill and called in Police Sergeant Tony Vanous, who was passing. Police Surgeon Tambsca afterwards pronounced him in a critical condition, and he was taken to the hospital, where he died a few minutes later. Callahan was about 35 years old.

HANDICAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT IS PLANNED

Dad Huntington and Art Cummings are framing a handicap bowling tournament for January 29, 30 and 31. They are now working on suitable handicaps for five-man teams, doubles and singles and expect to pull off a neat little tournament at the Association alleys.

Houser Coach at Colby.

The appointment of Benjamin Houser as coach of the 1915 Colby college base ball team, is announced. Houser, who is a first baseman, was assistant coach at the University of Pennsylvania last year and had played with the Boston Nationals, the Athletics and the Buffalo Internationals.

Cubs Train at Tampa.

The Cubs will train at Tampa, beginning March 1. Coming north, they will play at Savannah, Birmingham, Nashville, Chattanooga and Memphis.

FULTZ CAMPAIGNS AGAIN IN WESTERN

Signs Up Athletes Who Came Into This Loop Toward the Close of 1914 Season.

DOC SEABAUGH AMONG THEM

With Joining of Omaha Catcher, All Players on Bourke's Squad Are Bona Fide Members of Players' Fraternity.

Davis Fultz, the energetic president of the Players' fraternity, has again invaded the ranks of the Western league and has pledged a few more members to his fraternity from this circuit. Practically every man who played in this loop last season is a member of the order.

One more Omaha player was drawn into the fraternity by Fultz's latest campaign. He is J. W. Seabaugh, more familiarly known as "Doc," who was procured by Bourke toward the tag-end of the season when the Union association, in which circuit Seabaugh was pasturing, blew up.

All Bourke in Line. Now that Seabaugh has matriculated into the ranks of all chosen athletes, every member of the Omaha club is counted on the roll of the Players' fraternity. Last year Dave Fultz made a hurry-up but entirely successful membership campaign in the Western league and one day when Omaha was playing in Wichita signed up each and every man on the team. He also signed up the entire Wichita team at the same time. Artie Thompson was elected walking delegate, or whatever the terms of office may be, for the club. Fultz had equal success among the other clubs in the league.

But since Fultz's campaign several more players have entered the Western league from smaller circuits in which the fraternity is not interested. So it was up to Davis to swing the new ones into line and he has made good.

Other Westerners Join.

In addition to Seabaugh, the following Western leaguers have joined the ranks of the players' union: From St. Joseph, Lyle Pursell, Ben Stoioff, Bernon Willey; from Wichita, Joseph Lambert, E. P. Mensel; from Denver, George Block.

Fultz also has a little Western league scrap on his hands. Louis Harbour, third baseman on the Denver club, has a kick against the Chicago American league club with which he was tried out last spring. He injured himself and was sent to Denver. Harbour registered his complaint, but was not given judgment. So he appealed to Davis and Davis has filed an appeal with the National commission.

This is the only disagreement Fultz has with the National commission, but he has six with the National board.

Townsend's Triumph Over Fort Dodge Basket Ball Team

The Townsend basket ball squad, one of the fastest floor teams in Omaha, invaded Fort Dodge, Ia., New Year's night and returned home triumphant over the famous Company G team of that city, 29 to 21.

The Omaha lads completely surprised the Fort Dodge men who have lost but two games in the last two years. They ran the score up to 13 to 0 in the first fifteen minutes of play. The teamwork of the Townsends was superb and the masterful foot shooting of Burkenroad featured the exciting combat.

The Fort Dodge men play the University of Nebraska team next Wednesday night. Omaha basket ball fans consider the victory a big surprise and the Townsend boys deserve much credit for their work.

Lineup: TOWNSENDS: FORT DODGE: Burkenroad, R.F., R.P., Hale, Hughes, L.P., L.P., Larson, McWhiney, C., C., Smith, Koran, L.G., L.G., Cole, Ritchie, R.G., R.G., Thompson, Substitutes: Platz for Koran, Koran for Platz, Drummond for Hughes, Stahler for Thompson, Roper for Steiner, Cole for Burkenroad, Smith (4), McWhiney (3), Koran (2), Platz, Hale, Larson (3), Smith (3), Thompson, Roper, Neb. School for Dept. 2, Smith (3), Hale, Referee: Heath, ex-Cornell.

Dodd's Curlers Win J. L. Kennedy Cup at Miller Park Rink

Everett S. Dodd's rink of curlers, Thistles by name, won the curling tournament at Miller park Friday for the John L. Kennedy cup. The Thistles took the final match from Bob Galt's quint 9 to 6.

Dodd's rink copped easily in the first round and caught the bye, while Galt's squad and the rink piloted by W. J. Hislop fought out the second round. Galt's men had an easy time of the Hislop rink, but the final match was a corker. It ran eleven innings before Dodd's men could oreak the 5 to 6 tie and win the game.

The winning team is composed of Everett S. Dodd, skip; Charley Johnson, Tom Leuchers and J. W. Muir.

Wife to Let Chicago Mayor Run Once More

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Mayor Carter Harrison, who said recently that his candidacy for re-election was contingent upon obtaining his wife's permission to make the race, announced today that she had consented to his becoming a candidate.

Mayor Harrison is concluding his fifth term. His father, Carter H. Harrison, sr., also served five terms.

Mrs. Harrison occupied a seat on the platform with her husband at the meeting today at which he declared he would seek a re-election. She refused to respond to a request for a speech.

Americans Win in British Prize Court

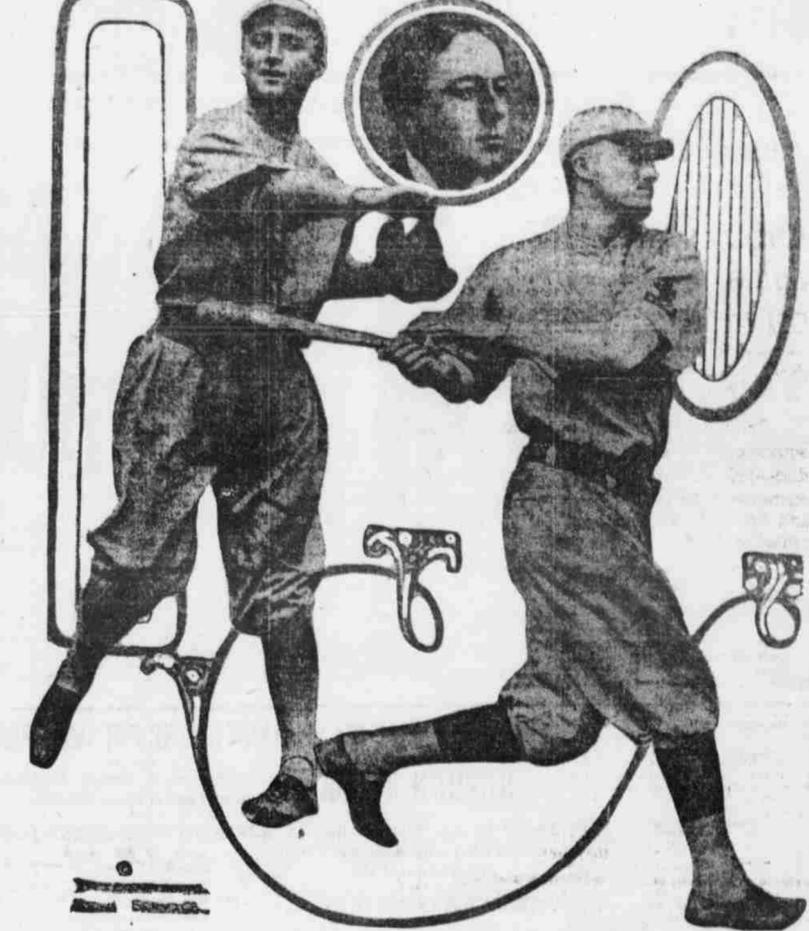
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The decision of the British prize court in London in the case of the British steamship "Miramichi," loaded with wheat and shipped from America to German consignees, prior to the war, was announced here tonight by the British embassy.

The court held that the wheat was still the property of the American claimants and ordered that they be paid for it.

SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 3, 1915.

Two New Managers for Base Ball Season



These photographs show Lee Magee, new manager of the Brooklyn Federal league team, in action. The small inset shows Clarence Howland the Three "I" league genius who has been called higher and will try to boss around the Chicago White Sox next summer. It is quite remarkable for a major league team to go to the minors for a manager.

BASKET MEN TO BE ACTIVE Local Quintets to Resume Schedules After Holiday Rest.

TELEPHONERS DROP OUT Team Quits and the Players Affiliate Themselves with Other Organizations—Easterners May Stop Here.

Standing of the Leagues. CHURCH LEAGUE: First Christians, 5 0 1.95; P. Methodists, 4 1 1.50; First Methodist, 3 1 1.00; South Omaha Baptists, 1 4 2.00; Kountze Memorial, 2 0 2.50; Church of the Covenant, 1 0 1.00.

Schoolmaster Linn Is Called Mathewson Of Floor Game Here

"The Christy Mathewson of basket ball." That is the cognomen given by many of the local basketballing marks to Chester Linn, schoolmaster and the stellar center of the crack Walter G. Clark quintet.

Linn has been playing basket ball on Omaha floors since the game was first inaugurated in the city and, according to some of the old-timers, such as Gus Miller, that has been some time hence. Each year that Linn made his advent here, fans wondered how long the elongated center would continue to keep up his steady, aggressive playing. Also each year, instead of slowing up, Linn surprised the local doers by showing up in better form than the season previous.

Four years ago Linn was considered one of the best centers in the city and was a member of the all-star Tiger five that vanquished everything in this part of the state. Today Linn is still as aggressive as ever and displays better form than many of the local lads of more tender age.

Last season as a member of the champion Pirat aggregation he was second in the Commercial league standing as to number of baskets counted, was first in the number of free baskets thrown and had less fouls chalked up against him than any member of the league.

It is not only in basket ball that Linn is a star. In the hand ball tournament held at the Young Men's Christian association he romped away with the championship just as he had done in the two seasons before. He is also a whale of a base ball player, playing on a Saturday afternoon team last season. Linn has such an easy way of taking part in athletics that to the observer his playing star basket ball players is a matter of conjecture and, according to many who seem anything but sensational. How long he will continue to be one of the have seen him perform, declare "that like Hawthorne's Great Stone Face, he will always continue to be the same."

BRESNAHAN AND HERRMANN FAIL TO MAKE TRADES

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Attempts by Chicago and Cincinnati to trade players with each other have fallen through, Roger Bresnahan, manager of the Cubs said today, adding that he would have to do the best he could with the material now on hand. In a recent visit to Cincinnati, Bresnahan left with August Herrmann a list of sixteen players whom he was willing to trade.

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WHEREIN DOES THE FAULT LIE?

Player Blames the Magistrate, While the Mag Declares Player "Killed Goose that Laid Golden Egg."

Despite the increased salaries in major leagues, due to the Federal league bidding for stars, even the major league athlete, and certainly the minor leaguer, is a little bit dubious about the coming year. The major leaguer has to worry about one thing first, the lower player limit, while the minor leaguer has to worry about the player limit and the salary limit both.

The base ball player has had a life of roses for a few years, but the roses have faded and he is very likely to have a life of thorns this coming season.

The National league has announced a player limit of twenty-one men and the American league a limit of twenty-two men. With the latter in mind, it is estimated about 200 ball players will be released from major league clubs. And those 200 must look toward the minors for employment.

Good Salaries Last Year.

Last year it wasn't so bad to be released by the minors. Several athletes are known to have drawn more salary with class AA clubs than with the major league club from which they were released. Even in class A, in the western circuit, some players received just as good salaries as they drew in the big top.

But this year every league has clipped. For instance the salary limit in the Western will be \$2,500, while last year it was \$3,000, and pretty generally disregarded. This year the player who gets \$500 a month in the Western will be drawing the very top and there will be few of such, while last year several drew as high as \$400 a month.

Cuts in Minors Heated. But the man who is in the minors will have still another worry. The player limit again. The minor leagues have all reduced their limits, the Western to fifteen men. The 20 who will be released by the majors will take the places of many minors in class AA and class A, and those who will have to fall back to class B, where the salary limit is still lower. Then some of the athletes in class B will go back to C, and some C back to D and some D to the independent ranks. So it is going to be a hard year for the athlete.

It is a unique situation, a disagreeable one to the players, and they are asking where to place the blame. The blame is by many attributed to the National commission, by some to the National and American leagues, and by some to the Federal. And Dave Fultz is starting to fuss a little. He dislikes to see his men fall under the axe and he has protested.

All Players' Fault. But where will his protest land? Speaking on the subject, a well known magazine declares that the players brought the reduction on themselves. "The magazine," declares the writer, "is safe in putting on the screws if only to convince the players they should leave well enough alone. We have grown weary of the ingratitude and selfishness displayed by the jumping athletes. Before the invaders came base ball was more popular, players' salaries were more liberal. We are cutting down to punish the players, and to teach them a timely lesson. The roses have been cut to death and the golden eggs are scarce."

Davis Cup Tennis Matches Pay Well

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The report of the financial side of the International Davis cup tennis matches, just issued, shows that the public paid \$4,575 as admission fees and for programs in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Boston and New York. Gross receipts at Chicago, where the Australians met the Canadians, were \$7,551. At the matches between the Australians and Germans at Pittsburgh the amount paid was \$5,500. At Boston the receipts were \$15,200 for the finals between the Australians and the United States. The greater part of the receipts, \$7,500, was taken in at Forest Hill, Long Island, for the challenge matches, in which Norman E. Brookes and Anthony P. Wilding, the Australians, captured the cup from the American defenders.

Expense of staging the matches was about \$25,000. Of the gate receipts the Australian association received \$2,750. The American association share was \$1,541.

There was no waste, as every the number in the stands was sold and the old tennis balls disposed of as souvenirs.

Mayor Drops Bomb Into Grand Island Police Staff, 2 Go

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram).—New Year's day brought an explosion from the inside to the city administration's office. Police Officer Grant Haddock and Officer Joseph Cyp were dismissed on charges of being derelict in duties in protecting or not sufficiently hunting down gambling in certain pool rooms and immorality in rooming houses. The officers declare that they challenged the mayor for permission to face their accusers, but their request was denied.

The mayor declares they have not asked him for a hearing before the council or his committee on police and board of health, and that he has no objection to such hearing if they want it. Mayor Ryan states that he has been hearing complaints for the last six months. It is known that he had every officer on the carpet yesterday. Whether or not there will be a hearing is not decided.

Helping the Belgians

"Being so well off, Australia is sending heaps of money to the war relief funds elsewhere. For the aid of Belgium in distress the one city of Sydney has already subscribed near \$60,000.

"Boxers and boxing fans are helping a lot in this kind of thing. In Sydney the patriotic carnival realized over \$10,000 for the aid of Belgium. The Sydney stadium has been in use several times a week for the boxing of some patriotic fund or another, and has been worth altogether \$20,000 to the subscriptions.

"A chain of such shows, a mixture of military athletic and boxing displays will be run all around Australia, and the boxing fans will probably be found in the end to have put \$100,000 into the benevolent war chest.

"Instead of trying to suppress boxing, the state governments in Australia have given it recognition by indorsing many schemes for training schoolboys in the use of the gloves along with their general physical culture. I have first boxing classes for boys in the state-owned schools in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland, where the classes were the latest formed."

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